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SUBJ: PRC REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON MISSISSIPPI RIVER MANAGEMENT

1. AT A RECEPTION MAY 25, YUAN KENG, A "RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL" OF THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS BUREAU OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS ASKED A USLO OFFICER TO PUT HIM IN TOUCH WITH AGENCIES IN THE US INVOLVED IN THE MANGEMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI RIVER. YUAN SAID THAT HIS MINISTRY HAD DONE A STUDY OF THE YANGTZE AND HAD CONCLUDED THAT ITS FULL POTENTIAL WAS NOT BEING TAPPED. THE MINISTRY HAD ALSO DECIDED THAT OF THE WORLD'S RIVERS, THE ONE MOST SIMILIAR TO THE YANGTZE WAS THE MISSISSIPPI. ALTHOUGH HIS MINISTRY'S PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY IS TRANSPORTATION, YUAN IS INTERESTED IN OTHER ASPECTS OF REIVER MANAGEMENT.

2. YUAN ASKED ABOUT THE DIVISION OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE MISSISSIPPI BETWEEN FEDERAL, STATE AND PRIVATE AGENCIES. USLO OFFICER MENTIONED SEVERAL AGENCIES WITH RESPONSIBILITIES IN MISSISSIPPI RIVER MANAGEMENT, INCLUDING THE US ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS. YUAN
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SAID THAT UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THE PRC COULD NOT DEAL WITH THE CORPS OF ENGINEERS, BUT HE HOPED THAT SOME PRIVATE CORPORATION, ASSOCIATION OR AGENCY COULD BE FOUND. HE SEEMED ONLY MILDLY INTERESTED IN THE TVA, AND PROBABLY WOULD PREFER SOME AGENCY LESS CLOSELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. YUAN SPECIFICALLY STATED THAT HE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN

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EXCHANGES OF TECHNICIANS AT SOME TIME IN THE FUTURE.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY LITERATURE
THE DEPARTMENT AND OTHER AGENCIES HAVE READILY AVAILABLE
ON MANAGEMENT OF THE MISSISSIPPI IN ORDER TO PERMIT US
TO CALL ON YUAN SOON TO GET A MORE SPECIFIC IDEA OF
WHAT HIS MINISTRY WANTS.
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